

5. The Health Officer may board any vessel arriving in Siamese waters and inspect every person in the vessel. He may, if he thinks necessary, call for inspection of the ship's bills of health, emigration papers or other documents which he may require to enable him to grant pratique, and he shall use every lawful means, which to him may seem expedient, for ascertaining the sanitary condition of the vessel and persons therein.

6. Any vessel which shall be so loaded as to be unable to pass over the bar at the entrance of the river Menam Chow Phya, shall, in order to obtain permission to lighten or load at the outside anchorage of Koh-si-chang or of Anghin ;—

(a) Give, through the ship's agent in Bangkok, to the health officer of the Local Government Board previous written notice of the ship's expected arrival at such outside anchorage :

(b) Deliver, to the Customs Officer stationed at such outside anchorage, a written declaration stating that no death from or case of bubonic plague has occurred on board from port of departure.

7. The Health Officer shall be, and is hereby empowered to deal with all infected vessels and persons as he may think proper to prevent the spreading of the disease.

8. Any and all persons committing a breach of the present Regulation or assisting in any way in the commission of such breach, and the Master, Captain or other person having the control of any vessel or boat, on board of which such breach has been committed or which has been in any way engaged in the commission of such breach, shall be severally liable to a fine not exceeding £100, or to imprisonment not exceeding three months, or to both such punishments.

9. Any cost incurred by the Siamese Government, in the maintenance of any person removed to the Quarantine Station at Koh Phai, shall be repaid by the Agents of the vessel.

Given under my hand and Seal, this 14th day of October, 1898.

(Signed) Wm. J. ARCHER,

for GEORGE GREVILLE,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 497.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th November, 1898.

No. 21.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 20th day of October, 1898.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.

The Acting Registrar General, (JAMES DYER BALL, Esquire).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 6th day of October, 1898, and of confidential meetings held on 30th day of September and 6th day of October, 1898, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Bye-laws.—Certain draft Bye-laws for the regulation of Cattle Diseases, Markets and Slaughter-houses were read and considered.

The President moved—

That the draft Bye-laws be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of the Governor in Council, after revision by the Attorney General.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Petition from Foremen Scavengers for Increase of Pay.—These papers were further considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That the applications be forwarded to the Government for favourable consideration, in view of the increased cost of living as compared with 1886, when the scale of pay of these men was fixed.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for Rent Allowance in lieu of Quarters.—An application from Inspector WATSON for rent allowance in lieu of the quarters at the Central Market was considered.

The President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board.

Mr. OSBORNE moved—

That the application be forwarded to the Government with an expression of the Board's opinion that the quarters at the Central Market are unfit for residence for a European, and the Board therefore recommends that the Inspector be granted an allowance of \$30 a month in lieu of these quarters.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Quarantine Regulations at Calcutta.—A copy of some revised rules having reference to Quarantine at Calcutta was laid on the table.

Plan of New Tung Wah Hospital Mortuary.—A plan of a proposed new Mortuary at Kai Lung-wan was laid on the table, and the report of the Surveyor thereon approved.

Report on the prevention of Hydrophobia.—A report by the Medical Officer of Health concerning the prevention of Hydrophobia was laid on the table.

It was agreed to adjourn the consideration of the Report until after the receipt of a copy of the Regulations which are in force in the Straits Settlements.

Bubonic Plague Returns.—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay for September 13th to 26th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending October 9th and 16th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending October 8th and 15th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Application to erect Water-closets.—An application to erect six additional Water-closets at the Hongkong Hotel was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That permission be granted subject to the approval of the plans by the Board's Surveyor.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for a Licence to keep Swine.—An application for a licence to keep Swine at Kowloon was considered.

The President moved—

That the licence be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 3rd day of November, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed this 3rd day of November, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.